

ARDIS

The ASSOCIATION for RESPONSIBLE DISSENT

(With: WECAN and the Center for the Study of Covert Action.)

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Dan Ellsberg
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Dear Dan,

I'm sure you heard, our Washington event was successful beyond our dreams.

We're now busy as can be, putting ARDIS together, incorporating, setting up membership files, seeking funding opportunities, and planning the winter and spring agenda (a series of Hearings, beginning in Iowa in January) for the coming elections year--in concert with others' peace activities, of course.

Enclosed is a revised copy of the ARDIS release describing the current state of the organization, plans, etc..

Also enclosed is a copy of Brian Willson's response to the breaking news that the FBI declared him a "terrorist" for his non-violent fast.

Please use, photocopy, and send to friends the above as you deem appropriate.

We need from you a one or two page bio, and an 8x10 photo, for publicity purposes for the events we are planning.

You will also note the enclosed catalogue and bibliography that I have been publishing from our WECAN office. Obviously, we need input from other members. Don't you have a paper on the Call to Mutiny, and another on the 12 times that Third World Events have triggered discussion of the use of nuclear weapons that would be appropriate for the catalogue?

Merry Xmas!!


Sincerely,
John Stockwell

Post Scriptum:

Attached is material (a bibliography and catalogue) from an office that my wife, Mai Li ("My Lee") and I have been running from our home with the help of Jamie Otis and a group of local volunteer/friends.

We've had about a thousand people corresponding with us, expressing interest, ordering material.

This office is now the ARDIS home office, an arrangement that could work for the indefinite future, or be moved into a more formal setting in Washington D>C> if we ever want to cope with a \$100,000 overhead.

Obviously to date the catalogue includes my own material: my bibliography, a booklet I've written on the arms race that is now being illustrated for publication in paperback, videos, audios, a finished manuscript of mine and Mai Li's experiences in Vietnam that has been rejected by the New York publishers and may never see the insides of bookstores, but still seems to interest people.

Now, obviously, this list should be expanded to include other members' works. Please consider what you might want to contribute.

Note, however, that there is no individual profit involved--the office works at costs and the author gets no royalties. However, it does provide a vehicle for getting the "word" out to interested people.

Also, please note, that the catalogue includes substantive works only.

For lesser papers, oped pieces, etc. we are contemplating an ARDIS book that would combine our offerings.